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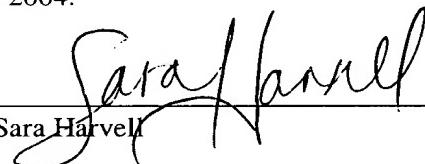
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time to respond to the Office Action of September 11, 2003 be extended three months from December 11, 2003 to March 11, 2004.

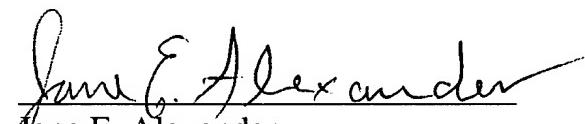
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A check to cover the extension fee is enclosed. If there is any error in the fee submitted, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this Petition is attached.

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